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MESSAGE

Examiner Maldonado,

We filed the attachedment Rule 312 amendment today. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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Docket No. 0039-7684-2SRD DIV

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hisako AOYAMA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/558,053

FILED: April 26, 2000

FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PROCESS OF FABRICATING THE SAME

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a response under 37 CFR §1.312 in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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DOCKET NO: 0039-7684-2SRD DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

HISAKO AOYAMA, ET AL. :

SERIAL NO: 09/558,053 :

FILED: APRIL 26, 2000 :

FOR: PROCESS FOR FABRICATING A
METAL WIRING AND METAL
CONTACT IN A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE :

: EXAMINER: JULIO J. MALDONADO

: GROUP ART UNIT: 2823

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 9, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

A Listing of the Claims in clean form begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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